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Friday

Sunny

High: 89
Low: 62

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Isolated T-Storms

High: 85
Low: 69

Sunday

Isolated T-Storms

High: 82
Low: 67

Varsity Program sCREWed

By LAUREN BOSTON
Sports Editor

Veteran rowers and recruits alike went to last week's team meeting, eager to prepare for upcoming competitions. Instead, they learned there would be no season at all.

Fifteen minutes before the Aug. 29 informational meeting, athletic director Ed Hegmann pulled rowing coach Phil Schmehl aside and broke the news.

The University of Mary Washington administration recommended that the Board of Visitors suspend the intercollegiate rowing program effective immediately.

The decision was a shock to both Schmehl and the team.

"I had no idea," he said. "One issue was a practice venue since we can no longer use Lake of the Woods, and I knew finding a new home was important. We also have a declining number of male rowers and the boats and equipment aren't really covered because we don't have boat houses. Those were the

main factors in the decision."

According to junior rower Betsy Bouton, the team's practice venue became threatened last year.

"While the majority of the residents liked having us practice there, there was one woman who didn't want us there and threatened us with a law suit if we tried to continue practicing there," she said.

Talk of suspending Varsity status began late last Spring following the complaints.

"We really came to the defining moment when Lake of the Woods denied our request to use the lake any further," said acting president Rick Hurley. "They had said to us early on a year ago that this is your last year. I wrote to them and appealed to them to reconsider letting us use it for one more year and I offered them \$5,000.

"I mean here's something for your troubles, because previously we hadn't



Beth Wilkins / Bullet

Junior Betsy Bouton rallies support to re-estate the crew team's varsity status outside of George Washington Hall.

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President Search Price Tag \$92,500

By ERIN LEACH-KEMON
Staff Writer



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The UMW Foundation is funding the second Presidential search in as many years following the BOV's dismissal of Dr. William J. Frawley.

The University of Mary Washington's Board of Visitors has hired the consulting group Greenwood and Associates to assist the Board in their search for the University's next president. According to the school's contract, Greenwood will be paid \$92,500 plus travel and expenses.

Poole said the details of the search will be kept confidential, with no public forums or announcements of the finalists—unlike the 2006 presidential search. Instead, the Board will work behind closed doors with Greenwood and Associates and a Presidential Search Advisory Committee, and will announce the selection of a new president in March.

"We feel that publicly announcing finalists stops or discourages some excellent candidates from applying," Poole said in his address to UMW faculty and staff on Aug. 23. "Our goal is to attract the highest-quality applicants and assure them of complete confidentiality."

The search firm that assisted in the selection of terminated President William Frawley, Korn/Ferry International, offered to conduct a new search free of charge since Frawley, who was fired by the University last spring, did not serve for a full two years. The University would still have to cover additional expenses beyond the fixed fee.

The University originally paid Korn/Ferry International \$75,000.

But Poole said the Board thought it best to go with a different firm for the new search. "From a public relations standpoint, it would appear awkward," Poole said.

History Department Chairman Carter Hudgins said he thought the Board's selection of a new search firm was appropriate.

"My sense is that the Board feels pretty battered by this whole situation. Their confidence was shaken a little bit so that rather than do this on their own they've gone back to what feels safest," he said. "We can't afford to do

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Store Plans Axed

By JUSTIN TONEY
Assistant News Editor

The University of Mary Washington has put the breaks on a planned downtown store, which had been expected to open later this fall.

Budget cuts ordered by Gov. Tim Kaine have forced the school to rethink its plans. University officials say they have suspended negotiations to lease the property at 917 Caroline St. which had formerly housed Chords restaurant.

Property owner Joe Wilson was asking \$7,000 a month for the 12,000 sq. ft. store. The school had planned to install an internet café, merchandising area, banquet room, and an "eating component," according to Erna Baker, associate vice president of business services.

"Originally the intent was visibility downtown for the community and visitors to the city of Fredericksburg," she said.

Associate Vice President of Business and Finance Rick Pearce said the school

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Negotiations with downtown property owner fall casualty to recent budget reduction.

EagleOne Card Takes Flight to Local Business

By MEGAN McDONOUGH
Staff Writer

Students who are already tired of the food at Seabcock and the Eagle's Nest can now go off campus for food—and use their EagleOne debit accounts to do it.

Five off-campus restaurants, all near campus—Jake & Mike's, McDonald's, Chick-fil-A, Pizza Hut, and the General Store—have agreed to take part in the EagleOne pilot program this year.

Students will be able to use their EagleOne debit accounts at the local restaurants, but not their campus meal plans. The school is negotiating with other off-campus stores, such as Giant, to expand the list of participating merchants. A number of restaurants contacted by the school, including Chipotle in Central Park, have declined to take part in the program.

Jessica Thompson, the EagleOne Off-Campus Merchant Manager, said UMW has been interested in starting up the off-campus purchase program for a long time.

"It's been a thought for years,"

Thompson said. "The online card office was the beginning step. That is something where you can add money instantaneously using the vending machines so this is the next step. It's just a work in progress."

Thompson said the Blackboard Company charges the school to run this program. The Blackboard Envision program, which runs the EagleOne account, also runs the online card office, vending machines, laundry, and on-campus readers.

Running the online card office and various maintenance fees are among some of UMW's other costs. The University has provided Blackboard equipment for each of the five merchants participating in the pilot program. The equipment for each of these merchants costs \$1000 in addition to annual maintenance fees.

"To run the whole program is pretty expensive," Thompson said.

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Weekly Events

Hypnotist Michael Anthony

Tonight, September 6, Dodd Auditorium Giant Productions presents hypnotist Michael Anthony at 8 p.m. for a night of laughs. Watch your friends be hypnotized right on stage.

Concert Downtown
Saturday, September 8, 3rd Floor Studio
Giant Productions and Fredericksburg All Ages Shows present Travis Morrisson Hellfighters, Statehood, Le Loup, and Rocky's Revival at the 3rd Floor Studio on Caroline Street. Show starts at 7 p.m., Giant will provide a free shuttle from Double Drive starting at 6:15.

365 Plays
All Across Campus, until September 9
The theatre & dance department is doing 7 different plays every day across campus. Check out their flyers on campus or call 540-654-1124.

Improv Auditions
In Trinkle 204, September 10 and 11
Undeniably Adjacent, UMW's comedy improv troupe, is holding auditions between 9 and 10 p.m. beginning next week. No experience is necessary to audition.

Faculty Art Exhibit
DuPont Gallery, Tonight, Sep. 6
UMW Galleries to host opening reception from 5-7.

Events courtesy of OSACS. If you would like your event listed, contact *The Bulletin* at newsxcrew@gmail.com

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Interested?

Come to a staff meeting at Hyperion this Sunday at 8 p.m.



May 5- At 7:44 a.m., a 21-year-old female Jefferson Hall resident reported finding a layer of peanut butter coating her door. Police believe the suspect, a male UMW student, also dumped the contents of her closet and dresser into the community shower and saturated the items with shampoo and conditioner. The case is closed.

June 15- At 7:50 p.m., officers responded to a fire alarm at the UMW Apartments. Police believe burnt squash triggered the alarm. The male residential student voluntarily informed police that his girlfriend was responsible for scorching the side-dish.

June 22- At 6 p.m., a male UMW Residence Life employee reported finding a nail hammered into the sidewall of his gold Dodge Intrepid. Police determined the tire had been stabbed eight times. Damages total \$82, and there are no suspects or witnesses in the case.

July 3- At 8:30 p.m., an officer reported finding the UMW seal medallion missing from the brick signpost at the corner of William St. and College Ave. Campus police alerted surrounding law enforcement agencies and entered the missing \$1,140 seal into a national crime database. There are no suspects or witnesses in the case.

July 4- At 11:20 p.m., an officer on bike patrol discovered trash strewn along campus walk approaching the Alvey Hall parking lot. Two of the lot's parking signs had been destroyed and a bike rack was overturned. There are no suspects or witnesses

in the case.

July 11- At 6:30 a.m., a staff member told campus police that a firebomb had been set off in the parking garage. Patterns scorched into the lower level of the parking deck led responding officers to believe a Molotov cocktail-type device had been detonated. The suspects burned "PROM" into the asphalt. Campus police and the Fredericksburg Fire Marshall have identified multiple suspects in the ongoing investigation.

July 21- At 5:43 a.m., Sodexho employees summoned campus police to the loading dock behind Seacobeck. They'd arrived to find the service door propped open with both dry and frozen goods left outside. Police estimate \$90 worth of missing and spoiled items including chicken tenders, tenderloins, and corn dogs. There are no suspects or witnesses.

July 22- At 3:30 p.m., a staff member reported seeing three males tamper with a desk outside of Marshall Hall. The staff member found a pile of smoldering leaves in the top drawer. Police estimate \$3 damage, and the case remains ongoing.

July 24- At 1:35 p.m., a patrolling officer called to verify concerns about a suspicious vehicle parked in the Jepson lot. The red Pontiac Sunfire had no front plate, and the back plate appeared to have been tampered with. The car's owner, a UMW employee, had altered the date on her inspection tag. She was also found to be driving on a suspended

license and was issued a Virginia suspension notice.

August 17- At 12:33 a.m. Fredericksburg police alerted campus police after the girlfriend of a male Virginia Tech student reported that her boyfriend had slashed his wrist. He repeatedly yelled that he refused to return to Virginia Tech and then left her residence to wander around the city. A campus policeman tracked down the suicidal student at the baseball field. The student was bleeding heavily, but remained conscious. The officer transported him to Mary Washington Hospital, and campus police notified Virginia Tech campus police.

August 25- At 11:59 p.m., an 18-year-old Virginia Hall resident requested assistance after her window shattered during a storm. The student sustained several cuts on her hands when she attempted to shut the window. First aid was applied on-scene.

August 29- At 11:04 p.m., two 17-year-old Virginia Hall residents notified campus police after a male "student" followed them on the FRED bus to Wal-mart, where he shadowed them around the store. The frightened students had a friend transport them home from the store, and tried to identify their stalker on Facebook. His profile describes him as a 20-year-old residential student. Residence Life has no record of the suspect. The case remains ongoing.

Caroline St. Negotiations Nixed



Beth Wilkins/Bulletin

UMW considered leasing the space that was formerly Chords until earlier this week when budget cuts halted negotiations.

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was still interested in establishing a downtown presence.

"We're not giving up on doing something, but doing something less costly," he said. The school originally wanted a venue that would accommodate up to 50 customers at a time, but Pearce said they were now talking about a "small sitting area with a coffee bar, and that would be about it."

Pearce insists that the project will continue, but it won't be "as aggressive."

According to Baker, the earliest possible date to take over the space on Caroline Street would have been the middle of this month.

917 Caroline Street was the third building the school considered for the downtown store, but "the first one to have come so far in negotiations," she said.

Baker said the building contained a full-sized kitchen, four large rooms, and met all the standards of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Baker listed five main intended uses of the store's location: a place to sell University merchandise, an "eating component" most likely handled by Sodexho, an exhibit space for student and faculty projects, "an element of student programming" such as poetry readings and lectures, and a place for students to go downtown.

Elmer Cramer, former co-owner of the restaurant Chords, which until recently operated at 917 Caroline St., called the location "the heart of downtown." He reported that his business was doing fine until the recent death of his business partner and fiancé, which drove him to close the store.

The Caroline Street location is half a block south of William Street—what Cramer called "the two busiest streets in downtown"—and he considered it to

be prime real estate.

"You can't beat this area," he said. Pearce insisted that a UMW storefront is still "an option, but they [the President's cabinet] have asked us to look at a smaller option." Instead of an exclusive, university-owned venue, Pearce now wants to talk to local businesses about selling University merchandise at their locations.

He hopes that through the project "the town starts looking more like a college town," and that a university presence off campus will encourage students to spend more money at downtown venues.

On Sept. 12, Baker and others involved with the project will be discussing a variety of "low cost/low risk opportunities."

Area business owners had shown excitement at the prospect of a downtown store. "The more activity there is that will bring more people downtown, I'm in favor of," said Graham Coble, owner of Corky's, a store two doors down from the former Chords.

Paul Cymrot, the owner of Riverby Books, a block south of Chords, has had less experience with what he calls "the disconnect between the college and the town."

"There are certainly people who have talked about students downtown as not necessarily being the biggest spenders in their stores, but that's to be expected," he said.

He was pleased with the idea of the storefront, but thought that rumors of the university building chain stores into its venue to lure students downtown "was underestimating the student body's ability to recognize something that was authentic and worthwhile."

"Is it becoming a college town?" asked Cymrot, "I hope so. It's a great college in a great community."

EagleOne Welcomed Off-Campus

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The money for this program was appropriated through a budget set up in advance for the EagleOne off-campus expansion project.

Thompson hopes that this new dining option will really get students excited.

"The students have really been asking for this, especially dining options," she said. "The same thing every day could get old. Its good to have something even once a week."

Thompson encouraged students who are not satisfied with the selection so far to drop by her office in the Woodard Campus Center's Washroom. Students are also welcome to offer their suggestions via e-mail.

"You can tell the merchant that you want them to accept EagleOne, and then

they can contact us," Thompson said. "We just have to influence the merchant that it would be beneficial to them."

This summer, students took advantage of using their EagleOne card off-campus and so far feedback has been positive, according to school officials.

"They are doing really well," Thompson said. "It's been really successful."

Students are seemingly eager to use their cards off-campus. Freshman Peter Romagnoli, a resident in Mason Hall, recently used his EagleOne card at Chick-fil-A.

"It's awesome," he said. "It's not my money I'm spending."

According to Erika Baardsen, who manages Jake & Mike's along with her fiancé, William Glass, their restaurant had been interested in accepting EagleOne money before UMW even con-

sidered the option. Timothy Cuffie, the owner of Jake & Mike's contacted UMW to suggest the program a year ago.

"Unfortunately at that time, the EagleOne Card was for on-campus dining only and it was not possible for off-campus restaurants and stores to accept the card," Baardsen said.

About a month and a half ago, UMW contacted Jake & Mike's and explained their plans to expand the use of EagleOne money off campus.

"As far as a business stand point, it is in our interest to accept the EagleOne Card," said Baardsen. "Students don't usually have a lot of cash, and the money they do have they would rather spend on other things."

Jake & Mike's is located on William Street, only a couple blocks from campus. They have recently begun a lunch

club and have started delivering within the downtown Fredericksburg area.

Off-campus dining options for students are not at all uncommon at other schools. With Virginia Commonwealth University's RamBucks, students can eat and shop at various places off campus in Richmond. From Starbucks Coffee to Bleacher Street Café to McDonald's, VCU students have countless places to choose to dine, all included as part of their meal plan. Many other colleges and universities around the country have similar plans which include off-campus dining as well.

Thompson said UMW has no plans to allow students to use their meal plans off-campus, however.

"That is not something that they are considering right now," she said.

Viewpoints

Staff Editorial

Will Copps, Editor in Chief

I'm trying to decide which makes me laugh more—the fact that there are regularly zero free spaces in the apartment lot, or that as of last night, students like my roommate were still getting parking decals, making things even worse.

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I think that UMW just wanted to mess with us, faking us out into thinking that maybe, just maybe, they were on the ball on something.

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For those who don't know, the apartment lot used to be the one place with available parking spaces. The privilege of living in the apartments was not just the nice rooms and A/C, but a guaranteed parking space. Now that they are overflow-

ing, I can only imagine how bad it is for others.

I could of course talk about the problems with the parking deck, but we all know that argument already.

My main question: how come the stickers are still not all distributed? Didn't we order them early for a reason?

I think that UMW just wanted to mess with us, faking us out into thinking that maybe, just maybe, they were on the ball on something.

But nope, it just became a process that took up more of our time for no reason. And the admin didn't even warn you that you would need a printer before clicking on the confirmation website that you could never return to.

Helped a lot that I paid for a stupid parking pass and still had to worry until I finally got my sticker the other day.

I'd welcome you all back for the new school year, but it seems our school already has in its own way.

So I'll just say that we hope that you like the new format of The Bulletin, please send us your feedback, and we'll be back next week.

Crew Cut A Bad Look For UMW

BY MILES DUMVILLE
Assistant Viewpoints Editor

All the way through middle and high school, I enjoyed playing team sports. Last year as a freshman, I decided not to try out for any varsity teams because I wasn't sure if I could afford the time commitment. It didn't take long for me to miss being on a team dearly.

Conveniently for me, my suitemate this school year is on the crew team and told me that I should consider joining due to my size and stature. Still not 100% sure that I wanted to sell my soul to a varsity athletic team, I decided to attend the team interest meeting.

At 7:30 PM, myself and about 80 other crew hopefuls and veterans gathered in the large and widely used basement lecture hall of the Jepson Science Center. Almost immediately, Coach Schmehl and Dr. Ed Hegmann, UMW's athletic director walked sternly to the front of the classroom. From here, Dr. Hegmann approached the podium and announced what we have all come to know this week: at the request of the UMW Board of Directors, the men's and women's varsity rowing teams have been suspended for the 2007/2008 season due to lack of a practice facility and lack of finances.

As one can imagine, a flurry of commotion and disapproval erupted in the room, and for good reason. This action by the school was a completely unnecessary kick in the face to not only the rowers of the crew team, but also the coaches, graduates, and those who showed interest in joining its ranks.

If you disagree or don't believe me, just consider the following situations:

1. Last years women's team achieved the rank of seventh in the nation and they, along with a young men's team had the potential to break countless records this year. Now, due to circumstances beyond their control, they no longer have a team. As one rower put it, "We should all feel betrayed by the school."

2. An All-American rower graduated from UMW last year. Many of those left behind have put long, exhausting hours in to follow in her footsteps. Now, in order to do so, they may have to transfer to another college.

3. As with any varsity sport, a number of freshmen were recruited out of high school to excel on the rowing team and make the team better. This recruiting process weighs heavily on those graduating high school seniors' college decisions. Now they have contracted themselves to attend Mary Washington as student athletes only to find out after their arrival on campus that there is no more crew team.

4. While coaches may teach a Physical Education classes during the school day, their main commitment, love, and source of income is their coaching job. If the team no longer exists, neither do the coaching positions. A coach seems to have two options here. Either stick around and see if the team is reinstated or start looking for a new job elsewhere. Coach Schmehl's only comment in regard to this dilemma was "I'll see what my wife says."

5. Sometimes students of the university decide later in the game that they would like to pursue a varsity sport, such as myself. I



crew cut

know I was not alone with this situation and upon hearing the upsetting news at the meeting, I felt as if a door that had been opened to me by the school was suddenly slammed shut in my face.

After giving his condolences, Dr. Hegmann gave the floor to an understandably emotional Coach Schmehl (Here is a coach who had only heard the devastating news about his team moments before the scheduled meeting and now had to find words of optimism with which to address a group of shocked and rightfully angry college rowers).

His opinion was one that the whole room shared. The school needs to find another way to manage the recent budget cut issued on it by the state. Following his remarks, the floor was opened for suggestions on how to resolve the unfortunate problem at hand.

Many ideas on possible practice locations were introduced by the students but all were either to far out of reach or "easier said than done" due to a hodge-podge of regulations (But what's new? No one can do anything anymore without fine print being involved.)

What has been impressive about this unfortunate situation, however, is how the team has handled it. Like any successful sports team, the members confront their problems together on and off the playing field, or in this case, the water. Concluding the meeting were rousing attempts at motivation by graduated members of the team, including four-time All-American Kelley Tice. And motivate they did.

Through Facebook groups, e-mails, letters, petitions, and rowing demonstrations in front of George Washington Hall, the rowing team has proved that they can launch a mature and effective retaliation against an unjust administrative decision as fast they can a boat.

What has been unimpressive has been the school's handling of its budget cut recently issued by the state of Virginia, particularly if a student center facelift rests higher on the priority totem pole than a nationally ranked crew team. Maybe the Board of Visitors can take a lesson from the team on how to properly manage a difficult situation.

Precious Moderate Senator Steps Down

BY JAMES MARTIN
Guest Columnist

"Politics: 'Poli' a Latin word meaning 'many'; and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'."
-Robin Williams

Partisan bickering in Washington has become the norm—in fact, Congress has an approval rating that approaches a level which statisticians tell us is theoretically impossible.

Through all this, Virginia has consistently had a strong advocate for civility and integrity of government in Senator John Warner.

Unfortunately, earlier this week, Senator Warner, Virginia's Senior Senator, announced that he was retiring after thirty years in Congress.

Warner, who seemed to be immune to the idea of partisan politics, offers a stellar record of hard and bi-partisan work on behalf of the people of Virginia.

While Virginia Republicans have drifted from being the party of the center to become the party of reactionist religious extremists—John Warner never once budged from being the voice of the center and moderation (and the people of Virginia).

Thank you Senator Warner for your years of service to Virginia—the Senate just won't be the same without Virginia's senior Statesman.

James Martin is a Vice-President of the Virginia Young Democrats and a contributor to the blog RaisingKaine.com.



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Welcome, Freshmen! (Bonus points if you got the old-school Nickelodeon reference.) Got something to say? Send your Letters to the Editor to umwbulet@gmail.com Same goes for you, Upperclassmen.

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Viewpoints

Sexclimations

By Kelsey Clark, Staff Writer

We're going to start this column by getting intimate with each other.



By which I mean, I will know nothing about you, and you will know far more than you ever wanted to about me.

This is a shame because this column isn't really supposed

to be about me, yet I just can't stop talking about myself.

This year I moved off campus and into a house—finally, an escape from mandatory hall meetings, fire drills, and quiet hours! Not that any of those things are so awful, I was just feeling particularly independent and saucy when I made my housing decisions.

Though there are wide array of advantages to off-campus living (like paying bills?), the most initially appealing was single bedrooms with space for double (or queen or king! I dare to dream.) beds.

Friends who came to visit when we first moved in even commented on how sex-friendly the rooms were. Tours of the house frequently ended with three or four guests lying on one of the larger beds and discussing its seduction potential. Needless to say, after decorating our space to sex-den perfection, we were all anticipating a good year.

But alas, it's been weeks since everyone returned to the 'burg, and our soft, spacious beds have remained heartbreakingly empty. The only housemate that's gotten any action thus far? The one sleeping on a tiny piece of foam on the cold basement floor. This seems unfair, considering the adjectives in that description are "tiny" and "cold." Not too sexy. Though in the interest of defending this housemate's honor (and sexiness), he's not a basement troll or anything, he's just less interested in furniture than the rest of us.

I'm not just explaining our situation to humiliate my housemates or to lure single, male readers to fill the lonely space in my bed (or even my heart...), there's a lesson (or two!) to be learned here.

First: you can't have many expectations when it comes to sex. Of course you should expect respect, consent, safety, etc. but beyond that, too much planning, anticipation, or presumption will only lead to disappointment and embarrassment.

Enough sitcoms and "American Pie"-style movies have documented the awkward shenanigans that ensue from overly-calculated sexcapade. Not to mention the sexual letdowns and humiliations recorded in each and every one of your angst-ridden teenage diaries. We should know better by now.

Second: you don't need a king-sized bed in a private room to get some—don't waste your whole year complaining about what a cock block your bunk bed is.

Beyond the general theory of making lemons into lemonade, there are some practical advantages to sex in dorms. For starters, it's not as if you need all that extra mattress space when you're on top of each

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other. Or if not on top of each other: spooning, whispering sweet nothings into one another's ears, or what have you. You don't have to have sex to enjoy the proximity that a twin bed forces upon you.

As far as roommates go, communication is key! Just be clear about how much private time you need and as long as you're courteous and respectful, things should work out just fine. Plus, you can avoid the awkwardness of bringing someone back to your messy personal space by pretending that your stuffed panda and your Pokémon card collection belong to your roommate.

Granted, my housemates probably hate me for revealing their sexual habits in a public forum, so you might not want to take roommate mediation lessons from me.

If you struggled through all of my BS about the life lessons of dorm furniture and didn't get it, then take the simplified version: don't take sex (or yourselves) too seriously, and enjoy all Mary Washington has to offer you!

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A Love Affair with a Seven Sister

By Susannah Clark, Viewpoints Editor

It began with a love note.

On a chilly fall afternoon in my senior year, I received a brochure in the mail from a certain Seven Sister, encouraging me to apply. The fact that such a prestigious school expressed any interest in me was more than flattering—the Seven Sisters are the original female counterparts of the Ivies. Harvard has Radcliffe, Columbia has Barnard, etc. Though many of the schools have now gone co-ed, the few remaining women's colleges still stand as some of the top ranked institutions in the nation.

Needless to say, a little crush started to grow.

I saw myself as an average student—average grades, average scores, a pretty good amount of extra "curriculums," and well, I'm white. Just as I was coming to terms with the probability of my state school fate, the courting began.

Suddenly, emails and letters came pouring in. She had made the first move.

After a grilling phone call from my protective father, assuring the school's intentions and informing them that we were only going to apply if I had a real shot of not only getting in, but more importantly, getting money, they reassured him.

Next came the interview, the first date. The dean of admissions was in Washington DC, and I was given the opportunity to sit down with her and sip San Pellegrino in the lobby of the Marriott. After a flawless interview, I now had a reach school. We were going steady.

My parents were excited. A Seven Sister! One of the most selective women's colleges in the country, mine was a quintessential New England private, full of trust-fund babies and future diplomats. Attending there would be impressive. I wanted to impress people and make my parents proud. The diploma would make the perfect arm candy—arm candy that costs \$44,000 a year.

The first couple months were great. I worked extra hard on my essays and visited the website frequently.

Then it all became a little too much. In the five month period between when I applied and

when I heard the answer, the school contacted me at least four times a week through postage, email, and phone calls rounding out to hundreds of letters, photo



view books, campus maps, sports brochures, student profiles, application confirmations, alumni recommendations, due date reminders, and a hand-written Christmas card. They sent me their 400-page course catalog...twice. They must have wasted 3 trees on me

alone. I felt suffocated. As the pile of embellished envelopes got higher, so did my hopes.

After five months of agony and sleepless nights, I got a phone call from my father on an afternoon in late May. According to the school's website... I was in!

I came home to find a mascot-ed sweatshirt on my bed, bought weeks ago compliments of my father. He sure had faith in me. All I needed was my mailed acceptance letter to set it all in stone.

The letter came the next day, and sure enough, I was accepted...for the spring 2007 term. Not only would I not be allowed to attend until springtime, but the amount of money the financial aid office awarded us was hardly what my father had been assured back in November. What a tease.

After a long discussion and some sparse tears, it was decided. I couldn't go. The Seven Sister and I were breaking up.

In walked Mary Washington, in all her columned glory. In the end, it all worked out.

My parents were pleased about the in-state tuition and I was pleased about Mary Washington's lack of a pressured, "hoity-toity" attitude.

Even though no one outside of the original thirteen colonies has heard of us, the intimate academia, gorgeous campus, and Chicken Nugget Fridays at Seaco are hard to compete with.

Plus, Mary Washington has boys.

Sort of.

After flirting with the Preppy Socialite, I ended up with the Girl-Next-Door.

Hopefully I'll keep this sentiment in mind as the wedding-bells of graduate school begin to chime.

Letter to the Editor:

Even crew members who transferred out of Mary Washington still care.

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the email that was sent by Dr. Chirico regarding his recommendation to terminate the UMW rowing team...It is very upsetting to see this decision was made, and I am asking for support for the crew team.

Dr. Chirico's reasoning for termination is lack of practice area and lack of funds. However, we were told last year, and the Bulletin reported, that land on the Rappahannock was decided to be used for the team's practices starting this fall.

As for lack of funds, the only thing needed to be built there is a dock and wooden racks for

storage of rowing shells.

As for upkeep of shells and oars, the team fundraises throughout the year on their own with the Row for Humanity fundraiser and the selling of raffle tickets for the annual car drawing.

Mary Washington Rowing is unique because there are very few Virginia collegiate NCAA rowing teams. If a college even offers rowing in the state of Virginia, it is usually only offered as a club sport.

For example, Division I schools such as Virginia Tech and Virginia Commonwealth University, which have tens of thousands of attending students, only offer club rowing. For a smaller

university like Mary Washington to even offer such a sport as Varsity is impressive in itself.

But even more impressive, the women's team made it to Nationals last spring, for the FIRST time in the history of Mary Washington, gaining an impressive 7th place. To reward the hard work and dedication of a nationally ranked team with termination is ludicrous. The opposite reaction should be occurring: more funding, advertising and recruiting should be the next step, not termination.

Additionally, rowing for two years under the coaching staff taught me so much about myself and taught me an incredible work ethic I absolutely would not have had I not decided to at-

tend that first practice freshmen year.

If this team is short, future students at Mary Washington would not have the opportunities I had while at Mary Washington.

The school should be progressing and improving every year to make each semester better than the last for students, not taking steps back in regression.

Sincerely,
Joyce Metzler

Joyce Metzler attended UMW for two years and is now a student at Virginia Commonwealth University

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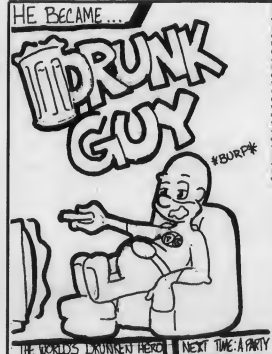
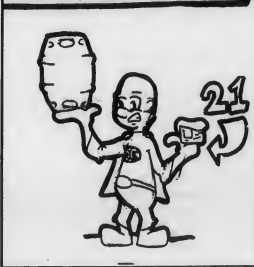
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HE GAINED THE POWER OF FLIGHT AND HIS BEER GOGGLES GAVE HIM THE POWER TO SEE A PARTY UP TO 5 MILES AWAY



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Entertainment

the Spotlight

"Country Ghetto"

by J.J. Grey and Mofro (2007).

By AARON RICHARDSON
Entertainment Editor

I picked up "Country Ghetto" on a whim, a risky maneuver at best, especially when you consider the price of records these days. Luckily the new album by J.J. Grey and Mofro turned out to be a solid and satisfying work of soulful wizardry. Mofro delivers a slow, persistent groove as J.J. Grey's gravely distressed voice pines away about the ravages of growing up poor in the South. Otis Redding's influence on Grey's musical career is easily felt throughout the entire album, especially on the slow groove "A Woman."

"Country Ghetto" kicks off with the driving multi-layered song "War." Thick bass lines and no frills drumming make sure that the basis of the song stays simple and consistent, while Grey's vocals interweave with murky, mud-splattered guitar and organ lines. Further into the album, the band slows itself way down, a method that is lost in most popular music these days. Grey and his boys aren't afraid to slow down and make sure you catch every bend, trill, or nuance in their sound.

The song "On Palastine" is a great exemplifier of this slowed down sound. Opening with a haunting piano melody, the song gathers tremendous force as a slide guitar conjures up a foreboding air-raid siren sound. "On Palastine" is best described as modern-day gospel, a heavy, forbidding warning to humanity in turmoil.

The key track on "Country Ghetto," however, has to be "The Sun is Shining Down." Grey's family gospel choir steps in on this cut, along with a string section to exalt in life's beauty. Where "On



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Palastine" was a warning. "The Sun is Shining Down," exalts. "Glory, glory, hallelujah, / I'm alive and the world is fine." Not only does the song hold importance because of Grey's family ties to the backing vocalists, it affirms Mofro's ultimately positive outlook on the world.

What is most impressive for me is Mofro's ability to stay original while honoring a time-tested genre of music. Blues-rooted guitar playing and Hammond organs are nothing new to American rock and roll, but Grey manages to make them his own instruments on "Country Ghetto." Indeed, J.J. Grey is the main creative force behind the band, writing all of the songs on his own, and playing most of the instruments himself in the studio.

Check out J.J. Grey and Mofro at
www.mofro.net, or
pick up "Country Ghetto" on
amazon.com or the
iTunes music store.

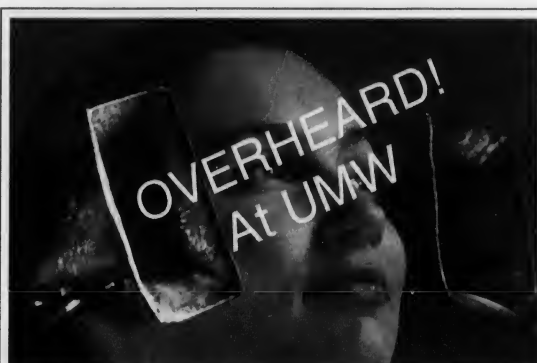


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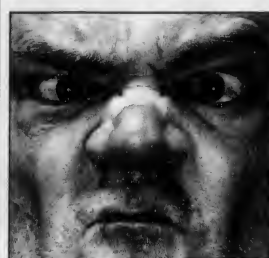


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-Submitted by
junior Justin Toney

"You're
damn right it's
Monday! Where the
hell are you?!"

Send your overheards
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The Top 5 Best Things About Being Back at Mary Washington

By CHARLOTTA JARBORG
Staff Writer



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1. Honey Mustard at The Nest

All summer long you have been trying to find the perfect honey mustard to go with your chicken strips, nuggets, or anything deep-fried, and yet you find yourself daydreaming about that sticky yellow tube at the condiments stand. Sometimes you will stand in line and you cannot see that yellow Ambrosia and panic spreads through your body. What a waste of a tasty Nest snack. Now that we're back; no need to keep searching. And now with the giant tub equipped with handy pump it seems our days of desperately mixing bear shaped honey containers with French's mustard are finally gone.

2. No More Boring Daytime TV

Classes are actually excellent time-killers. Rather than having to surf through the channels and settling for the latest gadget being plugged on HSN, waiting for your prime time TV to kick in, there is now something to do during the day. Plus, classes make you feel pretty productive; they are semi-social and fairly physically relaxing, if a little too academic.

3. Having Friends as Neighbors Again

There is a reason Ace of Base's song "Cruel Summer" was a hit. O.K., "hit" is a strong word, but the message is solid. The sad lyrics "Leaving me here on my own" often hit home during long breaks from school. Since summer break is basically as long a normal school semester and if being more than two minutes away from your friends makes you feel isolated and lonely, coming back to school is like coming home.

4. No Parents

They are great for love, support, cash, and room and board, but they also seem to think their opinions on everything from the time you go to bed, what you eat, what you are wearing, where you go and how many new glasses you use in a day, interest us. As much as we love them, it is liberating to escape from the running commentary and play-by-play of our own lives. If we wanted them to write our biographies, we would have asked.

5. Campus Life

Ever get the feeling that being on campus is sort of like being stuck in a bubble? That may be true, but there is something about 90% of your surrounding humans being of your age and having the same issues, habits, and interests as you. To us, there is nothing unwholesome about still wearing pajamas at midday, being awake and outside at four a.m. on a weekday or eating Fruit Loops for dinner. Campus is our playground and that is just how we roll.

Next week:

Old-Time music festival review

Faculty art show coverage

50 & Kanye: Who is the bigger hip-hop icon?

Fredericksburg All Ages Shows coverage

Thomas Wolfe book review

Entertainment

Pash Rocks the Capital

By **STEPHANIE BREIJO**
Staff Writer

The surprise at D.C.'s Black Cat last Friday was not the sketchy crowd pacing the streets in an altered state, but the lack of pilgrims outside for the traditional between-band cigarette break after opener Carol Bui cleared the stage. Pash enthusiasts swarmed onto the checkered floor as Mary Washington's own indie rock quartet played a release show for their second album, "The Best Gun."

Fans at the D.C. venue packed the low-lit room to hear Pash on the main stage for the first time in two years. Attendees of all types came to dance and dig, some from the band's Fredericksburg Alma mater, many from the local music scene.

They wanted a dancey, lively show and Pash did not disappoint. From Erik Bruner-Yang's mid-guitar riffs and Merideth Munoz's heartfelt vocals to Ryan McLaughlin's heavy bass lines and Jon Bibb's rhythmic thrashing, the set was loud, electrifying and a genuine crowd pleaser.

Although Pash had previously played the Black Cat, this energetic performance marked their latest CD release as well as their newfound

commitment to the band.

"We're all really happy with this CD. I think we're a lot more invested in our stuff now and we're all putting ourselves into the band a lot

with new bands more and more frequently – but still return to give Fredericksburg and Mary Washington students a good live show every once in a while. Things are on the up and up for

the group, with a near constant tour schedule and a well-received new album. So what's in the future for Pash?

"There'll be more touring, more of us being serious about what we're trying to do, which is play music that we love and hopefully people will feel the same way," said McLaughlin. "We're doing something that we're really passionate about. What we're trying to do is just spread our passion around and let people know that this is what we're doing and this is what we will keep doing."

Their amped-up tour schedule and dedication have been paying off – last spring saw Pash crowned as third place in Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen's online battle of the bands.

When Pash arrives in a new town, they sometimes unexpectedly find themselves in the local papers. They get calls from friends and fans about blurbs on Pash in magazines they have never even heard of before. But Pash members remain tethered to their Mary Wash

roots, as do their fans.

"It's been really great to see them grow. I remember seeing them play over in Jefferson [Hall] when we were all still in school," said Pash fan/UMW alumnus James Osburn. "It's great to see their career start to take off like this."

Check out "The Best Gun" for yourself, it is a fun but thoughtful mix of songs with catchy riffs and lyrics that cut to the bone. Take a gander – it will be worth the few bucks on iTunes, and there is nothing cooler than supporting Fredericksburg's growing music scene.



Image courtesy of Pash

more," said Bibb. "I think that when we've played the Black Cat before, we've just been an opening band and we really were a main attraction at the [release] show."

They have been a busy group. Last summer marked their first official tour along the East Coast and they have been meeting and playing

To hear Pash's music, visit them at myspace.com/pashva, or check out the Pash facebook group for information on upcoming shows and band information.

You Will 'McLove' Superbad

By **CATLIN COGGINS**
Assistant Entertainment Editor

Every now and then, a summer movie comes out that features all of the typical high school movie clichés. Moving on to college, hooking up with girls (or guys), essentially, taking the big steps toward adulthood. *Superbad* features all of these same themes, but something sets it apart. Actually, many things set this comedy about growing up and moving on apart.

Like most high school boys who are not

blessed with social skills, longtime best friends Seth (Jonah Hill of *Knocked Up*) and Evan (Michael Cera of TV's *Arrested Development*) have one thing on their minds: girls, and more specifically, how to get into their pants.

Along with fellow geek Fogell (Christopher Mintz-Plasse, appearing in his first film), the guys are desperate to impress their female classmates.

When they are finally invited to a party, where all of their perspective hookups will be, Seth and Evan want the atmosphere to be perfect. After Fogell acquires a fake I.D. (whose name on the I.D.

is simply McLovein') the boys plan is set, and the boys set out to have the time of their lives.

What follows is a series of hilarious misadventures, all in the name of getting to the party and hooking up with Jules (Emma Stone) and Becca (Martha MacIsaac). Without giving too much away, let's just say that these misadventures involve two deadbeat cops (played by SNL's Bill Hader and co-writer Seth Rogen), an accidental adult party, a number of illegal and disgusting acts, and surprising revelations about the guy's friendship. And finally of course, Jules' party.

What seriously sets apart *Superbad* from other films in its genre is the truly brilliant writing of Rogen and Evan Goldberg, who were also best friends in high school. Every joke is perfectly timed and never overdone. The relationship of the three friends and their female counterparts is not only hilarious but also endearing. Although very crude at times, *Superbad* stands out as one of the funniest summer flicks in years.

Another standout aspect of *Superbad* is the brilliant performances by everyone involved. Hill's scheming and outrageous behavior juxtaposes brilliantly with Cera's awkward and deadpan, but still incredibly endearing personality. Both Hill and Cera have really set themselves at the forefront of up and coming comedy actors.



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The ridiculous and scene stealing antics of Mintz-Plasse keeps the audience in stitches for the entirety of the movie, and is likely to go down in history as one of the greatest movie geeks of our time. Whereas in many comedies, which can be drawn out and overdone, the chemistry of these three friends keeps viewers in tears from start to finish. Stone and MacIsaac also hold their own as very likeable and adorable costars.

If crude and sexually-explicit humor isn't your thing, then this probably isn't your movie, because *Superbad* does not hold back, even for a moment. However if you're simply looking for a laugh and a good time at the movies, *Superbad* does not disappoint. Although outrageous and crude, *Superbad* reminds us that at the end of the day, a good friend is really all you need.



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Giant to Help Fredericksburg All Ages Shows at Third Floor Studio

By **AARON RICHARDSON**
Entertainment Editor

This year, Giant will be co-sponsoring concerts in downtown Fredericksburg with Fredericksburg All Ages Shows. The first in the series will be on Saturday, September 8 at 7 p.m. "The first show features Statehood and Travis Morrison Hellfighters, most of whose members were in Dismemberment Plan," said Giant head Will Copps.

One other show has been planned for September 22, with more to follow as planning continues. The second

show will feature The Receiver, who were recently profiled as an up and coming band on MTV. Also appearing will be The Byzantines and Northern Virginia rockers The Console War.

Giant's role in the shows is to book bands, and help get students turned out to the shows. Their involvement will go as far as to provide transportation to those who would otherwise be turned away by the prospect of a long walk. More information about the shows, as

well as links to band profiles, sound bytes, and additional show dates can be found at the Fredericksburg All Ages Myspace page. "We are planning on doing more shows in the future and are excited about working the space in. We really want students to go downtown more and see what Fredericksburg has to offer. People can even catch an early dinner and walk over to the show after," Copps said.

For the week of September 3 through September 9, Mary Washington's drama department will be performing "365 Plays / 365 Days," a series of short plays written by Susan-Lori Parks. The idea was to have a play cycle that represented every day in a year of an artistic life. Mary Washington students will be performing a week from the annual cycle. Come out to Campus Walk this week and check it out.

Features

Nerd Rockers Reign At UMW

By GRACIE HART & TIERNEY MCAFEE
Staff Writer and Features Editor

UMW senior Craig Graziano spends his Monday nights singing about dinosaurs.

He is a member and co-founder of Humungo Ginormous, a punk band that jams out to some pretty funky subject matter.

"We consider it nerd punk, since a lot of the songs focus on movies, comic books and other geeky topics," Graziano said.

Amongst their songs are, "Rock 'N' Roll Frankenstein," "Hamburgers of the Gods" and their favorite, "Gangster Dinosaurs."

The band didn't always touch on such silly subjects. In high school, Graziano says, they did a lot of "political angst type songs."

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It gets to the point where it's like, 'Can I really be on stage saying this kind of pompous, whiny, look-at-me stuff?' Once we decided...not to take it so seriously, all of our songs got kind of goofy and ridiculous.

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The band re-

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"Humungo Gi-

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tiful" after Graziano's high school friend and

band member Matt Luger returned from

music school in New York City.

"It sounds pretty great," Graziano said.

"Definitely more professional than I ever

would have imagined."

Humungo Ginormous was born from

modest beginnings when Graziano and Luger

joined forces in high school.

"One day we just tried putting some of

my poetry with his music and it evolved from

there," Graziano said.

Since then, Graziano and Luger added a

drummer, UMW senior Steve Whitesides, and

a bassist, Fredericksburg resident Ted Mason.

Graziano, an English major who grew up in the Fredericksburg area, wasn't always interested in being a musician.

"I don't exactly have rhythm or dexterity, so instruments always were frustrating," he confessed.

Graziano says The Beatles were the first band to peak his musical passion.

"I was obsessed as a kid," he said. "John [Lennon] was my favorite, just weird for the sake of being weird."

However, The Beatles were not Graziano's greatest influence.

"There would be no Humungo Ginormous without Adam Goren, a musician

from Philadelphia who used to write very strange, funny songs about the

metric system and having a crush on Enya," Graziano said.

"He would just prerecord the music and sing along to it at his shows. He retired a few years ago and I'm pretty sure he's a high school chemistry teacher now."

Unlike Goren, Graziano has no plans to retire anytime soon.

"It's really a work in progress. We're playing more shows than we ever have in the past," Graziano said. "Local high school kids seem to dig us and I hope that expands to the college crowd."

The band will get its chance at their CD release show next week, where they are playing with a local high school band, Carlos, I'm Pregnant and opening act, Jeff

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Courtesy of Craig Graziano

Fredericksburg resident Ted Mason and UMW senior Craig Graziano are self-proclaimed "nerd punks" who rock the mic right about such topics as comic books and movies.

Student Strives To Keep Cats Alive

By KAY BOATNER
Staff Writer

When I turned 13, my parents gave me a kitten for my birthday. I had always wanted a gray-haired, blue-eyed male cat...so that's what I got. I named it Lucky, after a popular Britney Spears song at the time.

Too bad Lucky didn't live up to his name. Actually, Lucky didn't live period.

The cat was in our house for a week before he died of feline leukemia. I returned from school one day, only to be informed by my mother that she had found him dead that morning.

While I was sad, at least I was spared seeing him die. My parents felt bad for me and offered to get me another cat if I still wanted one.

...I did.

My mom took me to the local animal shelter the next day. I still had my heart set on having a male blue-eyed gray kitten. They had one cat fitting that description. He would be ready to leave his mother and go home with me in one week. Lucky, right?

I thought so. I named him Lucky II.

Big mistake.

He never left the shelter. Two days after I met him, Lucky II died of, you guessed it, feline leukemia. Lucky was not proving to be an ap-

pet who lived with him.

After a week, my parent's decided to see one last time to if I wanted a kitten.



propagate name.

Again, I was sad about the passing of a pet, but this one was easier to get over, since I never

male. We made the drive to pick him up.

The kitten was adorable. He reminded me of a dog; spending the afternoon chasing his tail

around in circles. I knew I wanted him after he dug his little claws into my jeans and climbed up my legs.

After we paid the owner, we put the kitten into a cage for the car ride back.

We had been driving for 15 minutes before my mother asked me the big question.

"So, what are you going to name this one?"

"Lucky," I replied without hesitation.

"Rest in peace, kitty," my mom sighed, as she

shook her head in bewilderment.

"Meow!" was the little guy's contribution.

"He likes it!" I cried. I was convinced. His name was Lucky.

And guess what? He's still alive. Seven years and counting.

Looking back, I can't believe I kept insisting on getting a new cat. But I guess I was resilient. Or maybe just selfish.

Either way, going through those first two deaths have prepared me for number three's eventual passing.

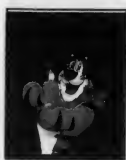
There are many other lessons that can be learned from my experience with the three Luckys.

You can get over the death of a pet (or pets), for one. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. And of course, the third time's a charm.

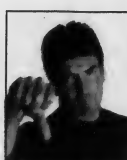
...or don't name your pet after a Britney Spears song.

First Person

Thumbs Up...Thumbs Down...



Game night living on



Homework on the first week of classes



Football season starting this week



Exes

Local Band Makes Back To Schoolscopes Geek Look Chic

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Mullins. Graziano says he's especially thrilled to be performing with Mullins.

"He [Mullins] was the king of the Fredericksburg music scene when I was in high school," Graziano said. "He hasn't played a show in an incredibly long time and it's our dream to have him opening for us."

Humungo Ginormous is on the rise and plans to get even higher with their next album, which is currently in the works.

They hope to continue their success by building a more prominent fan base, al-

though they are proud to say they do have some followers.

Last summer, the band played at a popular open mic night in Greenwich Village. They could only play one song, so they elected "Rock 'N' Roll Frankenstein."

"This crowd of 40 or so people went nuts; singing along by the time the second chorus came up," Graziano said. "We received a crazy ovation and everyone wanted a CD. The lead singer of the Spin Doctors was there and he looked very pleased. That was a high point for us."



Courtesy of Craig Graziano

The cover for Humungo Ginormous' new album, "Humungo Ginormous is Big Black and Beautiful."

What: Humungo Ginormous CD Release Show

When: Friday, Sept. 14 7 p.m.

Where: Eyeclopes Studio
620 Charlotte St.

How Much: \$5

Why: Dinosaurs, hamburgers and Frankenstein



By MEGAN GRIGORIAN &
KAY BOATNER
Assistant Features Editors

This week's birthdays (Sept. 2 to Sept. 8)

The summer may be ending, but your party is just getting started. Don't let homework get in the way of your good time. It's your birthday and you'll skip class if you want to.

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Back-to-school time can be a little depressing...but only if you let it! Grab that cute guy who sits next to you in Bio and form a study group. Human anatomy is on the syllabus.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Your tan is fading as your schedule fills up. Catch a break and some of the last rays of summer by going to a soccer game with friends. Don't bring your books!

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Missing Mom's home cooking? Skip Seaco and drag your roommate downtown for dinner. Good food and no Seaco smell...score!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

So it's the second week of school and your room is already a trash pit. Enlist your roommate's help and clean up your space. Wow, who knew that carpet was there?

Capricorn (Dec. 22- Jan. 19)

No, you're not the only person on campus with homework already. Welcome to college! Suck it up, get it done and enjoy your weekend.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Get a jump start on all that work that you're already putting off. You'll be happy when midterms roll around and you're spending your nights in bed instead of at Trinkle.

Pisces (Feb. 19 to March 20)

Step outside of the air conditioning, put down the remote control, and

enjoy the last few weeks of warm weather. Grab some friends, throw a frisbee, and work up a good sweat!

Aries (March 21 to April 19)

We're all excited to be back at school, but have some self-control. Don't be "that girl" (or guy) at your friend's party this Friday night.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20)

It's time to branch out. You're routine is not set in stone yet. Join a new club or make friends with that person sitting next to you to spice things up.



Gemini (May 21 to June 21)

Yes, your summer job just ended and you're rolling in the dough. Save it! No one wants to listen to you whine or spot you \$20 in November when you run out of money.

Cancer (June 22 to July 22)

Even though you're out of reach from your parents, they still want to hear from you. Pick up the phone and give 'em a call! Maybe there will be a care package in your future.

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Fighting with your friends? Take a break from the old group and expand your social horizons. But remember, one is silver and the other gold.

UMW Student's Chore Brings Gore

By MEGAN GRIGORIAN
Staff Writer

When I looked across the courtyard, I could barely make out a thing. The rain had picked up from a slight drizzle to a monsoon-like downpour in just minutes. As I approached the back staircase to my apartment building, completely soaked, I noticed my roommate sprawled out on the cement with blood ferociously flowing from her head.

After I recovered from the stun of finding her in the precarious position, seemingly unconscious, I noticed that she was actually awake and attempting to stand up. Upon feeling her head and trying to run her fingers through her hair, which by that time was drenched with blood, she immediately began to bawl.

"Oh my God! What the hell happened?" was all she could muster in between her sobs.

All this commotion started with the laundry.

I've never been a fan of laundry. The whole process: sorting, washing, drying, folding is a daunting enough task without the added inconvenience of walking to my laundry room, which is two buildings over from my apartment building. So naturally I let the pile of doom accumulate in my closet until all that is left

hanging are winter coats and an "I'm With The Band" t-shirt.

By the time I actually get around doing it, I have five or more baskets of clothes to carry outside and usually need the assistance of a SWAT team. On this particular Thursday afternoon, I enlisted one of my roommates, Bailee, for backup.

When we started at around 1 p.m. it was fairly cold and misting outside, not the best weather for carrying

your freshly clean and dry clothes in, but I was desperate. Trying to beat the heavy rain that was looming, Bailee dropped my baskets on the floor of the laundry room and sprinted back to our apartment. Ten minutes later when I exited the building, I found

her.

After unsuccessfully trying to calm her down, we made it upstairs where her memory came rushing back. Running in her leopard-print slippers, she had slipped and made a head-on collision with the corner of the jagged-edge brick wall.

Obviously neither of us was familiar with head injuries, since I thought ice would somehow heal the wound and she wanted to go to sleep.

When the bleeding wouldn't stop, we decided to head to the hospital. With no dish towels, paper towels or wash cloths, she clamped a sock against her cut-open head.

We walked in the emergency room to find at least 30 plus people and a waiting list that would take at least three hours to get through. Apparently having your head split open wasn't as large of a concern to the Mary Washington Hospital as it was to us.

When it was finally our turn, they stuck us in the Pediatrics section with screaming children and every character from Winnie the Pooh adorned on the wall.

Eleven staples and six hours later, we left, cranky and bandaged.

Since we were both in vile moods, I tried to lighten the atmosphere by saying the timeless, ever-comforting cliché, "You know, we are really going to look back and laugh at this."

Bailee didn't even crack a smile and, completely unamused by this assumption said, "I'm never helping you with your laundry again."



First Person

News

UMW Seeking New President Once Again



Acting President Rick Hurley does not plan on taking the job of President permanently, but said he looks forward to filling the role during the 2007-2008 academic year.

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it wrong again."

Faculty members were divided in their response to the Board's decision not to announce the Committee's selected finalists, but to only release information once they have chosen the President.

"That doesn't seem to me to be wise or possible," said Philosophy Professor David Ambuel. "We would also expect that any candidates would want to come to campus and meet a wide range of people and become familiar with the campus."

Anthropology Professor Eric Gable disagreed. "I don't think public forums help necessarily...Having a public forum doesn't mean you get the best person," he said.

Stephen Fuller, Professor of Biology and President of the Faculty Senate approved of the Board's decision. "I think it will make the pool of candidates larger and stronger since candidates who would not want their name made public will apply," Fuller said.

Over the next several months, Greenwood and Associates will recruit

candidates, perform background checks, and provide recommendations to a Presidential Search Advisory Committee, comprised of faculty members, the Student Government Association President, members of the Board of Visitors, and members of the staff, the Alumni Association, and the Foundation board.

The Board anticipates that the Committee will submit a list of three to ten candidates to the BOV for review by December or January.

Jan Greenwood, the President and CEO of Greenwood and Associates, formerly served as President of Longwood University in Farmville. She said she has conducted more than 700 executive searches, and the firm itself has conducted well over 1,000.

"We have over 97 percent repeat clients," Greenwood said. "Our clients have been very, very happy with our work."

Greenwood will meet with the BOV and the Search Committee at the Board's September meeting to discuss the search process.

Acting University President Rick Hurley previously worked with Green-

wood during his 17-year career at Longwood University. Greenwood explained that while serving as Longwood's president, she hired Hurley for a position comparable to the one he held at UMW before stepping up as Acting President. Hurley has said he will not be a candidate for the position.

He declined to comment on the search process.

Poole also declined further comment on the search, beyond the Board's official statement, which he read to the faculty and staff at the Aug. 23 meeting.

"All I can say is that this serves as an outline as to how we're going to proceed," he said. "When we get the process going I'll be willing to sit down and go into more detail."

On April 30, the Board announced their decision to terminate the University's former President, William Frawley after he received two back-to-back drunken driving charges in April.

Frawley's court dates are scheduled for Sept. 18 in Fredericksburg and Sept. 21 in Fairfax County.

Heavy Rains Problematic by Randolph and Mason

By WILL COPPS
Editor In Chief

The rain may have been a relief for some from the record-setting heat, but for others it turned calm nights into stormy nightmares.

"I made my sure my window was shut, buried my head in a blanket, and hoped I wouldn't end up drowning," said sophomore Kellie Mularkey, who lives in a room by the tunnel connecting Randolph and Mason halls.

Mularkey had recently looked out of her window with her roommate, sophomore Jen Hicks, and seen water rapidly rising up to their window from the bottom of the outside stairwell. They decided the best thing to try to do was eventually sleep, but it was difficult.

"People were out there with buckets, frantically trying to get the water away from the building," said Hicks, "and they just kept looking at me."

According to John Wiltenmuth III,

Associate Vice President of Facilities Services, heavy rains on the night of August 20 caused water in the stairwells by the tunnel to rise over two feet, forcing the water under nearby doors and into the buildings.

"Investigation by Facilities Services staff located a number of storm water

drains which were substantially blocked," said Wiltenmuth. "Quick action

upon the part of Residence Life staff prevented further damage."

August 20, however, was before Mularkey and Hicks had ever come to their room.

A quick glance toward the tunnel shows some recent protective additions. Pipes are rerouting some of the water to various drains, and sandbags have been set up along the top and bottom of the tunnel, with the goal of preventing further flooding.

"I just hope that it does not happen again and I can sleep without people staring through my window," said Mularkey.



Photo by Emily McAlpine

The Randolph Hall stairwell and a formerly clogged drain, now with pipes and hoses running into it from by the nearby tunnel. Right above, an occupied dorm room.



Students receiving free ice cream on campus walk. Free food has been popping up all over campus, like the 500 Chick-fil-A sandwiches OSACS gave away last week.

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Sports



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Sellman New Coach

By NICK NELSON
Assistant Sports Editor

When the University of Mary Washington swim team opens their season on Oct. 5, there will be a stranger among familiar faces: new head coach Matt Sellman.

Sellman took the job in early July after previous head coach Matt Kinney left the program to accept a coaching position at another institution.

A competitive swimmer, Sellman came to Mary Washington after coaching at Lewis & Clark College for the last six seasons following a stint as assistant coach at Pacific Lutheran University.

According to Sellman, UMW is where he wants to be.

"I'm really excited to be coaching a team with such a great history," he said. "This is a talented group of kids who embody exactly what a student athlete is supposed to be."

Athletic Director Ed Hegmann has high expectations for Sellman.

"We hope that Matt can become the best swim coach we've had here," he said. "He's bringing plenty of experience to the team. He'll have to win the trust of the new team, but he knows the ropes and even with a new style, there are plenty of ways that he can be successful."

Team members like senior Jason Philpott are very enthusiastic about what Sellman has to offer.

"I'm excited," Philpott said. "He is bringing in a lot of energy and excitement and I'm confident we will continue to stay far above the rest of the [conference]. He's so committed to our program and doing everything he can to make sure we make the leap to the national scene."

Sellman realizes he'll have his share of challenges, but remains confident.

"Anytime you bring in a new coach, there is going to be a transition period," he said. "But Kinney was a great coach who left me a really mature group. These kids will have no trouble moving ahead."

With five returning seniors on the men's team and six on the women's side, Sellman will look to this year's veterans in trying to capture a Capital Athletic Conference title.

The women's team has won every CAC championship since entering the league, and the men's team has garnered 14 conference titles with at least one All-American entry each of the last three seasons.

"This is a team whose tradition speaks for itself," Sellman said. "Every time I get a new group of kids, I get better at working with people and I get a clearer idea of the challenge ahead. I'm excited to bring wisdom and experience to this team. The freshmen are ready, and we've got a strong senior class. We're all ready to have a great season."

Philpott agrees.

"We've got a big meet Nov. 10 against York," he said. "They've won 19 straight dual meets, we can't wait to get up there and end that streak."

UMW will open the 2007 season in a multi-school Potomac Valley Relay at American University on Oct. 5

Rowers Fight For Team

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been giving them anything, but their decision was final.

"We were working on this idea of the Rappahannock volunteer land but when the [\$100,000] cost estimates began to trickle in that gave us an additional pause. We're uncomfortable spending that kind of money on land we don't own."

The news came on the heels of an award-winning season for the women, who finished 7th in the nation after the Varsity eight won the petite final at the NCAA Division III National Championship in May.

Despite a successful finish last year, Schmehl and his team knew they needed a new practice site. The Eagles coach had begun the search for a new home this summer.

"Lake of the Woods was 20 to 30 minutes away, depending on traffic, so rowers were spending an hour of their day in a van," he said. "That's such a waste of time. We want a significantly closer venue, ideally right around 10 minutes away. I thought I had some good leads this summer."

However, practice venues never panned out, with declining numbers on the male side also weighing on the UMW administration.

According to Schmehl, the team finished with only six men last Spring, with numbers usually between 10 and 16.

The recommendation to suspend the program is pending a vote by the Board of Visitors on Sept. 14.

Should the BOV decide to finalize the decision, the team would likely move to club status.

Schmehl is concerned the team will struggle financially if their Varsity status is permanently suspended.

"The most money you get as a club is about \$4,000," he said. "Our budget last year was \$44,000. Running off of 1/11 of that would be significantly challenging."

Hurley said the administration is still open to reinstating the team's Varsity status if they can find a practice venue and boost membership.

"We're carefully using the term suspend as opposed to terminate or eliminate-suspend," Hurley said. "If this resurrects itself and shows sustainability, then I'm sure we would seriously consider returning it. We're not totally ruling it out."

In the meantime, Schmehl is urging students to stay as active with the team as possible. The coach has also met with recruits, alumni and actively sought a permanent practice home.

"I've looked at the Nye River Reservoir in Spotsylvania County, the Duff



Beth Wilkins/Bullet

Sophomore rower Karolyn Milton urges the University of Mary Washington administration to protect the crew team's Varsity status outside of George Washington Hall. The Board of Visitors will vote on the suspension Sept. 14.

McDuff Green Memorial Park in Stafford County and the Rappahannock River," he said. "From my point of view, the best permanent home is the land donated to us on the Rappahannock."

According to Schmehl, rowers can still take the physical education course.

"It just won't take place on water and their designation will no longer be that of intercollegiate athletes," he said.

An intercollegiate athlete, Bouton is hopeful the rowing program will survive in some capacity, though an abundance of challenges are inevitable.

"Our coach said he would definitely form a club team if we do not regain our Varsity status, it would just be much harder for us to compete because we would receive significantly less support monetarily," she said. "We wouldn't be able to host home races, and paying

entry fees, gas and travel costs to get to any races would greatly decrease our competition schedule."

Bouton and fellow rowers have been protesting the BOV's recommendation since Aug. 29, and have done everything from creating a campus-wide petition to holding signs and using rowing machines outside of George Washington Hall.

Hegmann is confident the team will perform well regardless of a decision one way or the other, so long as a practice venue becomes available.

"The team used to be a club and they can compete successfully at that level," he said. "I know the team is concerned and upset and frustrated and so are we. But we're still trying."

Schmehl is behind the team as well.

"I have no plans to leave," he said.

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Sports

Football Star Falls From Grace



Atlanta Falcons star Michael Vick prepares to speak during a press conference Aug. 27 after pleading guilty for his involvement in a dogfighting ring.

Courtesy Gerald Herbert/ESPN.com

Vick Pleads Guilty In Dogfighting Charges

By JOEY MERKEL
Assistant Sports Editor

NFL hotshot Michael Vick may have apologized for his role in dogfighting, but students like junior Pat Whelan aren't satisfied.

"I think Michael Vick should be in jail for at least a year and a half, then should be suspended from the league; the commissioner should suspend him another year," Whelan said.

Vick is the NFL's newest convicted felon after pleading guilty to federal dogfighting charges on Aug. 27 after a plea agreement was drawn up on Aug. 20.

According to the agreement, the former star pled guilty to "Conspiracy to Travel in Interstate Commerce in Aid of Unlawful Activities and to Sponsor a Dog in an Animal Fighting Venture, in violation of Title 18, Section 371."

The charges include gambling on dogfights and the killing of dogs using methods such as electrocution and drowning.

Vick is estimated to spend between 12 and 18 months in jail and was immediately suspended from the NFL without pay. He will receive no money from his 10 year, \$130 million contract he signed with the Falcons in late 2004.

In response to dogfighting charges, junior Daniel Curran has a mixed opinion.

"Dogfighting's alright I guess," Curran said. "What do [the dogs] do in the wild? They fight for territory. [But] the killing of dogs, and the way they were killed, was cruel and not right."

Officials agree and have punished Vick accordingly. The Falcon's plea agreement, on top of jail time, states that he must become a government informant against other people involved in the dog fighting world and testify at trials.

Vick must be as available as possible to do any pre-trial conferences or debriefings. Vick will also be subject to polygraph tests if he need be. However, there is no requirement for the government to use Vick in any cases.

But Vick's troubles don't end there. As soon as these dogfighting allegations began to surface, Nike and Reebok both completely cut ties with

Vick. Nike stopped making his shoes, the Air Zoom Vick, which was set to release its fifth model.

Reebok have ceased to produce the number 7 Vick football jerseys. The Donruss trading card company has also announced they will be pulling Vick from any further releases of the 2007 season.

Vick's problems began Apr. 20, 2007 when Vick's cousin, Davon Boddie, was arrested on drug charges. Boddie gave his address as 1915 Moonlight Road in Surrey County, Va.

After a legal search of the home on Apr. 25 police found on the dog training facilities including 66 dogs including 55 pit bulls. Police soon came with a second warrant to seize the dogs, which had obviously been subjected to dog fighting and animal cruelty.

On July 6, 2007 after another search, authorities were able to find what the believed to be animal remains.

The climax of the investigation came July 17 when Vick, Tony Taylor, Purnell Peace, and Quanis Phillips were all indicted by a federal grand jury in link to illegal dog fighting.

Vick and his three co-defendants initially pled not guilty before Tony Taylor became the first to step forward just four days later, officially pleading guilty on July 30.

Vick followed suit Aug. 17, along with Peace and Phillips.

On Aug. 20, Vick's lawyers announced that he and federal prosecutors had reached an agreement, and Vick would plead guilty to his charges.

During a press conference on Aug. 27, Vick took full responsibility for his actions, stating he gave his life over to Jesus and asked for forgiveness.

"We all make mistakes. I made a mistake," he said.

Vick later went on to discuss how he had let down people that looked up to him, especially young kids.

"I'm disappointed with myself...I hope very young kids watching this interview now will use me as a example on using bad judgment," Vick said.

Vick will wait until his sentencing on Dec. 10, where he is expected to receive at least one year in jail, and possible further suspension from the NFL following his sentence.

Vick's Career Highlights

In 2002, Vick threw for over 3,000 yards and ran for nearly 800, scoring 24 touchdowns.

In week eight of the 2004 season, Vick became the first player in NFL history to rush for 100 yards and pass for 250 in a single game.

In 2004, Vick passed for 2313 yards and 14 touchdowns, rushed for 902 yards and scored three touchdowns.

Eagles Play For Cure

Volleyball Team Helps Support Breast Cancer Cause

By TONY MORRIS
Staff Writer

An ace or block has never meant so much to the University of Mary Washington volleyball team.



Courtesy Clint Olsen
**Head Coach
Dee Conway**

The Eagles are raising money for breast cancer research through a season long 'Ace for a Cure' program, with donations from sponsors for every ace or block the team records until their last home game on Oct. 10.

The team has undertaken this effort on behalf of junior Sarah Tighe. This April her mother, Nancy, was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Tighe had been looking for a way to contribute to the cause, and used volleyball as an outlet to help both her mother and local and national cancer research all at once.

"The idea sort of came from me," Tighe said.

"I had wanted to do something. I took this to the team, they liked it and we all took it to coach."

Nancy Tighe had surgery this summer, and is currently undergoing her second round of chemotherapy. Tighe does her best to focus on the moment, but her mother's battle is never far from thought.

"It's never my main focus, but it's always in the back of your mind," Tighe said.

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— Junior Sarah Tighe

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In addition to the 'Ace for a Cure' program, the team is also looking to build on its 2006 season, where the team advanced to the Capital Athletic Conference quarterfinals. The Eagles finished 7th in CAC regular season standings with a final record of 12-10.

The Eagles have a very young team this year, with over half of the roster comprised of freshman and sophomores, and no seniors.

However, head coach Dee Conway is confident that her team is up for the challenge.

"It's still early, but I feel like the team is further along than we were at the same time last season," Conway said.

The team opened its season with two tournaments at Averett University on Sept. 1 and 2. UMW split two matches in the Invitational on Saturday, falling to Averett in three games before beating Roanoke College in four tight games.

The Eagles were not as fortunate on Sunday, losing to 14th ranked Austin College in three games before falling to Greensboro College in five games.

However, UMW got back on track yesterday, defeating Randolph-Macon, 3-1.



In Case You Missed It...

May 14 - Track and field competed at the Swarthmore Championships.

May 18 - Juniors Stephanie Kurti and Becky Morse-Karzen fell in the NCAA tennis quarterfinals.

May 19 - Junior tennis player John James fell in the second round of the singles flight championship.

May 26 - Women's rowing varsity eight finished 7th in the nation.

May 30 - Seniors Meghan O'Leary and Kaitlyn Barker were named All-Americans by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association.

June 19 - Sophomore softball player Victoria Moody was recognized by the NCAA as the national leader in being hit by pitches last season (12).

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 7-8 - Men's Tennis UMW Kickoff Classic 2 p.m. and 9:30 a.m.
- Sept. 8 - Women's Soccer vs. Shenandoah, 1 p.m.
- Sept. 12 - Men's Soccer vs. Randolph-Macon, 4 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. York College of PA, 7 p.m.



Team of the Week

The men's and women's cross country teams earned first place finishes at the Virginia Wesleyan College Marlin Invitational Sept. 1.